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I REMEMBER
EVERYTHING
YOU TAUGHT ME
HERE

LOVE LETTER TO A LIBRARY

A public artwork by Steve Locke
City of Boston Artist-in-Residence
Starting July 2018

I LEARNED ABOUT MY CITY HERE.
I RESEARCHED GRANTS HERE.
I FOUND A PLACE TO LIVE HERE.
I MET WARHOL HERE.
I FELL IN LOVE HERE.
I MOURNED MY MOTHER HERE.

THIS IS MY LOVE LETTER.
TO OUR LIBRARY.
PUBLIC.
FREE TO ALL.

Tell what you learned. Tell what you remember.

Memories of/from the South Boston Branch



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I REMEMBER AND CHERISH THE NUTURING
ATMOSPHERE, SHELTER AND FREE FROM
DISTRACTION — GRANTING ME THE GOLDEN
OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE AND LEARN
AND UNDERSTAND. R. Albert

My first job was a library aide here at the SB branch after I turned 16. But my association with this library goes back to my early childhood. I remember coming here with my whole family on Thursdays nights. During the summer, I was always a member of the ~~the~~ summer reading club.

So this library is part of my life.

Patricia Reid
11/24/18

Love Letter to a Library

A Public Artwork by Steve Locke
July – October 2018



The Boston Public Library has partnered with the City of Boston's Artist-in-Residence program for an installation of flags to be hung throughout the BPL system. The selected artist, Steve Locke, describes the project as a "love letter to a library." The text of the banners, I REMEMBER EVERYTHING YOU TAUGHT ME HERE, is meant to encourage viewers to (re)engage with the library as a site of learning, discourse, and memory. Please add any memory you have of the library, and feel free to take a postcard as a memento or to send to a friend.



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I feel my life in Boston has
been greatly enhanced by the library
system. I've probably been in every branch
and enjoyed their differences.

Libraries ^s have allowed to be
continue my education way past college.

Discover new authors - Do research -
- Find and view obscure films by
Film directors from every country.

My house is filled with books
and music yet I keep coming back
to the BPL for new and different
ones to discover.

We always take visitors to the main
branch to see the murals and the Lions
Thank you Thank you Thank you
MCM —



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9/13/18

I'LL NEVER FORGET MISS ENGLER, I BELIEVE SHE WAS THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN. SHE HELPED ME FIND BOOKS EVERY WEEK: THE BORROWER'S SERIES, THE LIGHT IN THE FOREST, LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE, AND THE SCIENCE FICTION MAGIC OF "THE WONDERFUL FLIGHT TO THE MUSHROOM PLANET!"

MISS ENGLER GAVE ME THE KEY TO THE LIBRARY, SHE GAVE ME THE WORLD OF BOOKS, AND LED ME THROUGH THE YEARS OF MY CHILDHOOD; SUCH JOY! SUCH FREEDOM! I WOULD GO HOME, MY ARMS STACKED WITH BOOK AND DEVOUR THEM ALL, EACH WEEK AND WOULD RETURN FOR MORE.

I LOVE THIS LIBRARY, I GREW UP HERE READING MY WAY THROUGH CHILDREN'S BOOKS, YOUNG ADULT, AND NOW, FICTION, NON FICTION, MYSTERIES, HISTORIES AND REFERENCE.

I AM BENEFITTING FROM COMPUTER CLASSES, ART CLASSES AND ALSO HAVE FOUND I LOVE THE YEARS OF MAGIC AND ADVENTURE HERE. I'M 65 NOW BUT STILL FEEL THE JOY AND THRILL OF FINDING BOOKS THAT MISS ENGLER INSTILLED IN ME.

Annie Royer

This Branch has been a place of

happiness for me - organized events here -

attended events here - and did much

research for my art projects here -

My go to place for BVPs

and to pick up books

when I can't get to

Copley

♡ LCB

True
Librarians
♡

Mrs branch library
was a regular stop for my
children and me when they were
young... from the stroller through
school. They have known Laurel & Sue
for all these years & remember many
Story Times, movies, etc. w/ Mrs. Fleming!
Thanks for being an important
part of our community.
Love,
Haween Murray

THE LIBRARY
TAUGHT ME TO
ACCEPT ALL PEOPLE
AND SHOW THEM
RESPECT!
pat F

DON Taught US SO much
about how ^{ssc} dedicated a simple
civil servant can be, and how
dedicated a ^{Junior} ~~to~~ Engineer is
when he shows us the way

R.D. Lang
Lang

We are so lucky to have such
warm, engaging and knowledgeable
staff here. — Thanks

A. Seaburn

As a young girl, I used
the "Washington Village" library
on Old Colony Ave for help with
home work, but mostly for taking
out books I used to love
"Mike Mulligan, & his steam shovel
Maryanne" I loved all kinds of
books re: nurses, & medical info. &
still do. My mentor at the library
was "Miss Gibbons". She was so
patient, kind, & helpful in a very
unassuming way. She's gone now,
but I will never forget how special
she was, & how she made everyone
else feel special too.
I still love the library.

Peggy

I remember being transported by Martha Engler's
storytelling! The library has been a source
of pleasure, enrichment, and fond community
all my life.

Thank you to all the exceptional library
staff who've shared their energies, commitment,
skill and warmth with the patrons over
the years!

May Ellen Surkawa

When I was 6 I learned to write my name.
IT WAS GREAT BECAUSE I COULD NOT GET MY VERY
OWN LIBRARY CARD! 76+ STILL USING THE LIBRARY!

This was my favorite hangout spot
for years or end. I made all my
friends here. I was cut off from
bringing too many books home. (My
parents were happy about that). I
still love to come here w/kids to
share my love of the library!
-Caitlyn Delane

I have been at the library since I was 5 years old. Surrounded by books, silence, pictures, it was my childhood sanctuary. Once I could take out books for FREE, I thought I was the luckiest kid in Southie. 63 years and still here "L"

My grandson and I came here every week for storytime. The staff always welcomed the little ones and taught them gently respect for other patrons. Now, years later, as retired residents, we still enjoy the extra effort put into this library by the staff.

One of my favorite places to go - a local library. I read walking home from Adam S.S. library when I was a kid!

The library is my family's favorite
place! My children and I
read you way to Fenway. We
used passes to the MFA,
Aquarium, Science Museum!
Love the library!
Deb

The library is my new
favorite place because I can
rent DVDs for free.
Joseph.

